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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Bradley P. BARBER et al. Conf: 8550  
Serial No.: 09/781,820 Group: 2825  
Filed: February 12, 2001 Examiner: R. Rocchegiani  
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING A MEMBRANE WITH  
IMPROVED MECHANICAL INTEGRITY

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181  
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 19, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment received December 18, 2002 in connection with the subject application, and subsequently to the Petition file January 21, 2003 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.181 and M.P.E.P. §711.03(c) for decision to withdraw the holding of abandonment, Applicants submit this supplement.

Applicants' current Representatives, Harness, Dickey & Pierce, PLC, ("HDP") received a file jacket from Agere System, Inc. The file jacket was from the offices of the Brown & Michaels firm, the firm that had previously been handling the application for Agere Systems, Inc.. The file jacket received by HDP did not contain an Office Action dated June 3, 2002. Thus, the June 3, 2002 Office Action was never received in the offices of the undersigned.

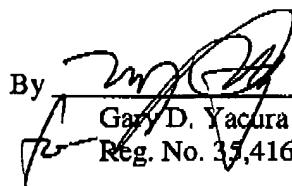
In view of the above-described facts, it is respectfully submitted that the abandonment of the present application was unavoidable and due solely to problems with the mailing of the June 3, 2002 Office Action. Accordingly, this supplement to petition is being timely filed at the request of the U.S.P.T.O., for the purpose of petitioning withdrawal of the abandonment in view of the above-stated additional facts.

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In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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